**Age of Enlightenment Writing Assessment**

**Situation**: You are an Enlightenment philosopher living in early 1700s France under the rule of King Louis XIV. The people of your community look to you for leadership and guidance. You have been asked to write anonymously on behalf of your fellow citizens, to defend your positions against the rulings of King Louis XIV. To make your position known against the king, you plan on writing a letter to the king that will be published in a newspaper for circulation around the nation. The following issues have been forced upon you by the king and you want to address them:

* Created centralized authority, nobles do not have power
* Using billions of dollars to build Palace of Versailles
* Implementing the Divine Right of the King
* High taxes on lower class, no taxes on nobles
* Restricted freedom of religion
* Censorship of protests against king

**Your audience**: King Louis the XIV of the absolute monarch in France

**Format:** 5 paragraph hand written letter

Proper letter format

Heading

Introduction

3 body paragraph

Conclusion

Proper ending

**Notables:** Check for spelling errors

Check for punctuation

**Other requirements:**

Complete self rubric, staple to letter.

**Due:** in class today